



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

January 8, 2009

CHASE PALM PARK RECREATION CENTER, 236 E. CABRILLO BLVD.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Work Session (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold a work session on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

Documents:

- January 8, 2009, report from the Finance Director.
- Projected Deficit and Balancing Strategy for the General Fund, Fiscal Year 2010.
- Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Reduction Allocations for General Fund Operating Departments.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Work Session (Cont'd)

Documents (Cont'd):

- List of Options for General Fund Budget Balancing.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Finance Director Robert Peirson, Police Chief Camarino Sanchez, Community Development Director Paul Casey, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Members of the Public: Terry Tyler, Dianne Channing.

Discussion:

Finance Director Peirson provided revised estimates for the City's four major revenues of sales tax, property tax, transient occupancy tax, and utility users' tax, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009 and for Fiscal Year 2010. He also detailed a list of measures to close the projected deficit in the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund budget, including a total departmental budget adjustment target of up to \$8,300,000. Figures to meet this target were given for each General Fund department under scenarios of 1) pro rata by budget; and 2) public safety departments would contribute 1/3 of the required savings, and all other departments would contribute the remaining 2/3 reductions. Finally, a list of potential options for balancing the General Fund budget was presented; these options are categorized as new or expanded fees or taxes (requiring voter approval), cost-cutting measures, revenue enhancement ideas, and citywide labor measures.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

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MARTY BLUM	SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
MAYOR	DEPUTY CITY CLERK